

# ANCHORAGE

*preview of a city of many splendors*



As far west as Hawaii and as far north as Finland is Alaska's largest city. Towering snow-capped peaks, masses of evergreen spires, glistening glaciers and miles of crystal clear water are the backdrop of magnificence for this air crossroads of the world. Come once to this modern city of "high-rise views" and you're sure to return.



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*A high-rise city of scenic views, Anchorage is the largest in Alaska.*

**MEET ANCHORAGE HALF-WAY:** Your happy introduction to this biggest city in the biggest state is a thrilling flight over snowy peaks, ice fields, glacier after glacier and mammoth 35 foot "high tides." But that's just the beginning, soon you can be a "Walrus"—get your membership at the Chamber of Commerce.

**ANCHORAGE FINE ARTS MUSEUM-COOK INLET**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** This ultra modern structure of culture has an outstanding collection of world famous Alaskan artists and a variety of traditional and impressionistic art forms in Eskimo, Indian and scenic studies. Historical artifacts and native crafts include cooking dishes of driftwood and intricately carved ivory Eskimo-animal chess sets.

**FORT RICHARDSON WILDLIFE MUSEUM:** Not just an exhibit but a "general's" education! The display is the best west of Denver with northern animal collections and one of the world's 16 complete sets of sheep heads. Big in the fish room is a 126 lb. 8 oz. world record King salmon. A "stalking" polar bear shot by an Anchorage woman is an experience—just to hear. The museum's conservation program replenishes "fished out" streams and lakes for hopeful anglers.

**HERITAGE LIBRARY:** "Sharing the wealth" of the 49th state's rich history is the National Bank of Alaska. Rare old world map, early out-of-print books, documents, pictures and gold rush newspapers have been sought and bought from foreign and domestic sources for serious research and exhibition. Six priceless paintings by Sydney Laurence, artist laureate of the land of sourdoughs and majestic scenery, are at the same location.

**MULCAHY PARK:** Mulcahy Stadium is the home of Anchorage Glacier Pilots, a semi-pro baseball team. The park also includes a football field and several baseball fields for American Legion, Babe Ruth and Little Leagues.

**EARTHQUAKE PARK:** Like a surrealist painting is this Western Hemisphere's answer to Pompeii. Natural footpaths wind thru 135 acres of lagoonlets, where giant "quick clay" earth mushrooms lie among spruce trunks and clumps of purple fireweed... scene of the 1964 Good Friday "quake," the North American Continent's strongest recorded earth movement.

**ALASKA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM:** See the portraits of Alaska's Pioneer bush pilots, who flew open cockpit "home-builts" over vast expanses of tundra. Exhibit includes planes, old newspaper clips, "aviation firsts," Model T and A Fords and airline models.

**LAKE SPENARD:** This beautiful spruce-lined lake provides the perfect "landing strip" for large and small amphibious planes—the "family cars" of Alaska.

**ALASKA CHILDREN'S ZOO:** Located on O'Malley Road, the zoo is a non-profit organization supported by donations. It houses much of our local wildlife along with several other specimens found in all zoos. Open during summer months only.

**ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE:** Top of the world military installation where 25,000 base population live and work on 20,000 acres. The Elmendorf Command guards arctic gateway to North America and is the Rescue Coordination Center for military and civilians. The Red Tails (for easy spotting in snow) also supply Greenland Icecap DEW Line sites. Group tours require a 2 wk. advance request to O.P.I.

**ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY:** Statehood and new school dedication came 1 day apart. 505 acre spruce and birch forest near Goose Lake has ski hill and jump, cross country ski trail, and seismograph station and student centers. 2-story elongated windows offer spectacular views.

**ALBERT KALOA BUILDING:** The "Essence of Alaska," this 2-building complex is an architectural study with carved wood doors of skillfully tooled bears, totems, salmon, geese, moose, huskies, miners and log houses. Slit-like vertical windows give an unusual view. It's all owned by Tyonek Indians, who lease a portion to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.



*Anchorage is the gateway to majestic 20,320 ft. Mt. McKinley, North America's tallest peak.*

**BEN CRAWFORD MEMORIAL PARK:** In a forest-like setting, banked with forget-me-nots (state flower) and other wildflowers, stand original trapper and settler cabins and the first Anchorage schoolhouse. Log beds, black bear blankets and crude tools show early struggle to "tame" this land. 1-4 daily.

**ESKIMO DANCERS:** Outdoor show tells stories of village life, hunters and the search for big game and skins, to music of giant Walrus hide tambourines, flute and chanting. This is a "camera-must" outside the Gilded Cage Gift Shop & Gallery. Noon daily exc. Sun.

**ENGINE #1:** From the Panama Canal came this "iron horse" to its resting place across from the Alaska Railroad terminal. The 1915 home of tent city construction gangs along Ship Creek, this transportation catalyst transformed wilderness to metropolitan Anchorage. Climb and explore "Old #1," now a park playground for young railroad buffs.

**LIVE REINDEER:** One of Santa's four-footed friends awaits young visitors at 7th & A Streets.

**WENDLER BUILDING:** Anchorage's oldest building, once a mercantile business, is now the Club 25 restaurant, regally presided over by 2nd generation daughter "Myrtle." An old time atmosphere and the owner's early tales make this a colorful spot for visitors.

**EKLUTNA INDIAN BURIAL GROUNDS:** If you have the time enroute to Matanuska Valley, stop and see these tiny grave houses holding possessions of the dead and used as headstones. A strange blend of Indian and Russian Orthodox cultures. Small wood crosses indicate conversion. First built in 1835, it is said 25,000 "took the faith."



**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** Nestled below Pioneer Peak and opening into Cook Inlet, this lush area mushroomed with the 1935 Colonization Project of the Great Depression. State's largest agricultural and dairy district, the long sun hours produce 40 lb. cabbages and "big as your fist" radishes. Experimental farms are also here.

**PORTAGE GLACIER:** A million years of nature's muscle is this ice mass remnant. Used as a portage by Eskimo, Indian and Russian fur traders, until the 1914 termination of ice "advance" when 595 ft. Portage Lake was formed. If you get cold waiting for an iceberg to shear off, try a hot buttered rum from an old Russian Samovar or a "cooler" mixed with glacial ice.

**MT. ALYESKA:** Alaska's largest ski area, site of 1963 National Championships, Olympic trials and International Airlines Ski Races. Alpine resort's 1¼ mile double chairlift soars a mile and a half above the peninsula.

**GROW CREEK GOLD MINING AT GIRDWOOD:** Western Airlines and claim owners won't guarantee you'll "strike it rich" while gold panning. But—you'll get free instruction, clean hands and fun. Bring boots for sluicing in fern edged stream.

**SURE BET SIDE TRIP:** Let Alaska Railroad tour you by 279 miles of timber, meadows, rivers, lakes and the Continental Divide to Mt. McKinley National Park where 20,320 ft. "Mac the Mountain," North America's tallest, astounds visitors. Pre-dawn wildlife wilderness tour at sunrise for spotting bear, moose and fox. Bring binoculars—wear slacks and tennis shoes. For true adventurers, plan to make the Arctic Circle tour of Eskimo villages, blanket tosses, dog sled rides... the real "last frontier" at Nome and Kotzebue, but you'll have to hurry, it's growing up fast.

**HOTELS:** Anchorage Westward, Captain Cook, Holiday Inn, Traveler's Inn, Travelodge, Holiday Motel, Royal Inn, Mush Inn, International Inn—many others.

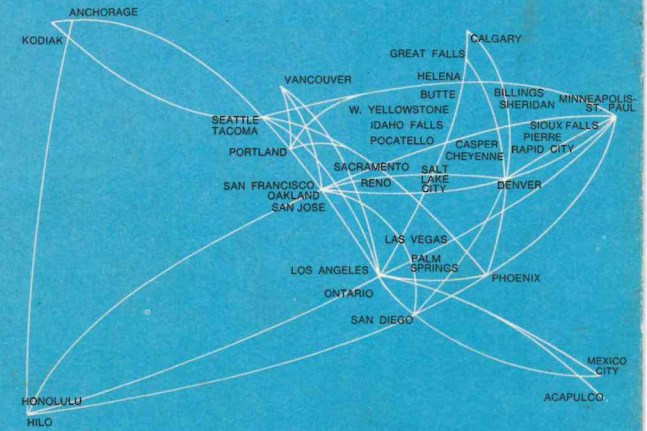
**A FEW OF ANCHORAGE'S RESTAURANTS:** Chart Room, Chef's Inn, Club 25, Crow's Nest, Nikko Gardens, Red Ram, Top-of-the-World, Stuckagain Heights, Whale's Tale, Outrigger, La Mexicana, Oriental Gardens, Upper 1 and the Woodshed.

**ANCHORAGE AFTER DARK:** Chef's Inn (piano bar-top dancing), Crow's Nest, Chilkoot Charlies Fancy Moose Inn, Country City and Top-of-the-World.

**SHOPPING:** Wards, J. C. Penney's, Northern Commercial Co., Sears Roebuck (dept. stores); Alaska Fur Factory, Anchorage Furs Service, David Green & Sons, Jonas Bros. of Alaska, Yukon Furs (furriers); Alaska Treasure Shop, The Eskimo Shop, McKinley Gift Shop, Westward Gift Shop (gifts and souvenirs); Laura Wright (parkas); 10th & M Lockers (fish).

**BEST BET SOUVENIRS:** Parkas, mukluks, ivory or bone carvings, baleen baskets, salmon or King Crab. For the youngest, native dolls (even Barbie in a parka), or how about a husky playmate?

**WARDROBE AND WEATHER:** Ladies pack lightweight knits, sport dresses, sweater, light coat, slacks, tennis or flat shoes, and dressy casuals for night in May-Sept. Easy-pak rain gear and a "sleep-shade" for short nights. 38°-63° temps. (can be in 80's too). Winter 15°-44° average, use heavy slacks or ski pants, heavy wool knits, suits, dresses, mittens, boots 'n' hoods. Coats and ties for evening, gentlemen, casual dress for day, and gear to match any of Alaska's varied sports. Overcoats, hats, and gloves for winter.



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